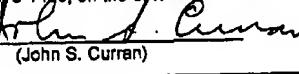


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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2007 (Paper No.20070513), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

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